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## COUNCILMEMBER KNAPP KICKS OFF "GERMANTOWN LEADERSHIP FORUM" MONDAY EVENING

Councilmember Michael Knapp will inaugurate a spring "Germantown Leadership Forum" beginning Monday evening, designed to be a catalyst to develop leadership in what is now the County's largest single community.

Knapp will be joined in the first of three sessions by County Executive Doug Duncan and Council President Steve Silverman. The session will be held at the Black Rock Center for Arts and begin at 7 PM.

Forty applicants were chosen from members of Germantown organizations to participate in the forum.

"There is a critical need for Germantown community leaders and activists to come together and leverage each other's expertise to make our community work more effectively," said Councilmember Knapp. "I'm excited about this Leadership Forum advancing the growth and development of Germantown."

The second session, to be held at Seneca Valley High School on April 19, will focus on County schools and include school board president Sharon Cox and superintendent Dr. Jerry Weast. A third, on May 17 at Montgomery College's Germantown campus, will concern work with Maryland state government and include State Senators Rob Garagiola and P.J. Hogan. ###